

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1225
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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW VARIETY OF BASMATI RICE
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi has developed a new variety of hybrid basmati rice; and
- (b) if so, the time and the place where the said variety of seeds are likely to be made available to the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi has developed a new variety of hybrid basmati rice i.e. Pusa RH-10.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is mandated to produce the breeder seed. The same is already taken up. The breeder seed is used for the production of foundation seed which in turn is used for production of certified seed before it is made available to the farmers for commercial cultivation. It is hoped that the breeder seed will be used for production of foundation seed by the seed producing public and private sector agencies before it is made available to the farmers. Such seeds are expected to be available to the farmers for large scale cultivation in the year 2003-04.